(c) The labour cost per tonne of steel for each of these five steel plants is as follows:—

(Rupees/tonne)

| Plants | Estimated laobur cost per tonne of salable steel during the year 1985-86 |
|---|---|
| Bhilai Steel Plant | 771 |
| Durgapur Steel Plant | 1233 |
| Rourkela Steel Plant | 853 |
| Bokaro Steel Limited | 459 |
| Indian Iron & Steel Company | 1423 |

**National Programme on Doordarshan**

577. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criterion applied by Doordarshan for including the items in the National Programme, telecast all over India from 8-40 P. M. onwards; and

(b) what are the reasons for giving a separate time to Parliament news and also giving it very short time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Below mentioned criteria are applied in selecting the programme for inclusion in the National Programme telecast, mainly:—

(i) National Integration:
(ii) Communal Harmony;
(iii) Family Welfare;
(iv) India's Cultural Heritage including music & dance;
(v) India's contribution to World Literature;
(vi) Struggle for Independence;
(vii) Science;
(viii) Current Affairs;
(ix) News; and
(x) Entertainment with socially relevant message or whole-some family entertainment.

(b) The Parliament news titled "Sansad Samachar" in Hindi and "Parliament News" in English, each of 10 minutes duration , is telecast daily at 7·30 P. M. and 11·20 P. M. respectively, by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi (which is relayed by all its satellite linked transmitters) when the Parliament is in session. The programmes "Sansad Samachar" in Hindi and "Parliament News" in Engilish are not accommodated in the National Programme of Doordarshan as its news relating to Parliament account for about 10 per cent of the total time of the two national news bulletins, Moreover, the National Programme has to cater for a wide variety of programme requirements and various sections of the viewers are also to be accommodated. Due to limited duration of telecast of National Programme, it is not possible at present to include Programmes "Sansad Samachar" and "Parliament

News" in the National Programme of Doordarshan. Besides, a weekly round-up of Parliament proceedings is telecast by major kendras in their respective regional languages. These steps enable Doordarshan to provide necessary information about the happenings in the Parliament to the viewers all over the country.

**Subscription to PTI and UNI by All India Radio**

578. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased subscription by All India Radio to two English news agencies, viz; Press Trust of India and United News of India this year;

(b) what are the new rates payable to them by All India Radio and what rates were paid previously; and

(c) whether there is any subscription paid to them by Doordarshan separately, if so, what are the rates payable to these agencies by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 1-1-1985, the Press Trust of India and the United News of India are being paid as follows:—

Press Trust of India . . . . . Rs. 84.63 lakhs per annum
United News of India . . . . Rs. 63.85 lakhs per annum

Prior to 1.1.1985, the subscription paid to P.T.I. and UNI were as follows:—

| | 1-10-82 to 30-9-84 | 1-10-84 to 31-12-84 |
|---|---|---|
| Press Trust of India . . . . . | Rs. 45·88 lakhs (per annum) | Rs. 55·05 lakhs (per annum) |
| United News of India . . . . . | Rs. 34·11 lakhs (per annum) | Rs. 40·93 lakhs (per annum) |

(c) No, Sir.

**Development of new varieties of paddy by I. C. A. R.**

579. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether I. C. A. R. had developed new strains of paddy which can mature in about two months; and

(b) if so, by when the seeds of this variety are likely to be made available to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

**Purchase of cows from Netherlands**

580. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Dairy Corporation has decided to buy cows from Netherlands for increasing the milk yield; and

(b) if so, what are the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.